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Case 5494CR

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

D. Roe et al.

Serial No. 08/908,852

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: Group Art Unit: 3761
: Examiner: D. Ruhl

Title: ARTICLE HAVING A LOTIONED TOPSHEET

REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2001, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the accompanying amendments and remarks while continuing examine the application.

The Notice of Appeal filed on September 19, 2001, is hereby withdrawn.

A two months extension of time is requested in the accompanying Transmittal Form.

AMENDMENTIn the Claims:

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended as follows:

1. (5 Times Amended) A disposable article comprising:

A) a liquid impervious backsheet;

B) a liquid pervious, hydrophilic topsheet joined to said backsheet, said topsheet having an inner surface oriented toward an interior of said article and an outer surface oriented toward the skin of a wearer when said article is being worn, wherein at least a portion of said topsheet outer surface comprises an effective amount to reduce adherence of bowel movements to the skin of the wearer of a lotion coating which is semi-solid or solid at 20°C and which is partially transferable to the wearer's skin; and

C) an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet;

of the topsheet are wherein the lotion is applied to the liquid pervious topsheet in a pattern having a plurality of elements, each having a predetermined size such that macroscopic regions untreated and the topsheet has a percent open area of from about 5% to about 99%.